

A rediscovery of *Teropalpus unicolor* (SHARP, 1900) in Europe (Coleoptera : Staphylinidae : Oxytelinae)

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Samenvatting. Een herontdekking van *Teropalpus unicolor* (SHARP, 1900) in Europa (Coleoptera : Staphylinidae : Oxytelinae)

Tijdens een verzameltrip te Ambleteuse (Pas de Calais - Frankrijk) vond de auteur één exemplaar van boven genoemde soort tussen aangespoeld zeewier in het Slack-estuarium. Deze van oorsprong uit Nieuw-Zeeland komende soort is slechts aangetroffen in het zuidwesten van Groot-Brittannië. Ze is nieuw voor de Franse fauna.

Résumé. Une redécouverte de *Teropalpus unicolor* (SHARP, 1900) en Europe (Coleoptera Staphylinidae : Oxytelinae)

Lors d'une exploration à Ambleteuse (Pas de Calais - France) l'auteur a trouvé un exemplaire de *Teropalpus unicolor* (SHARP, 1900) dans de l'algue marine alluviale dans l'estuaire de la Slack. Cette espèce d'origine Néo-Zélandaise n'est citée que du sud-ouest de la Grande Bretagne. L'espèce est nouvelle pour la faune de France.

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While examining the entomofauna of the estuary of the Slack at Ambleteuse (Pas de Calais, France) we had the luck to discover a single specimen of *Teropalpus unicolor* (SHARP, 1900) in the wrack-beds of a mudflat. This native of New Zealand was found for the first time in a tidal creek near Plymouth (SW England) on April 1900 and again in August 1904. No further captures in the 20th century are known to me in Europe. *Teropalpus* was previously considered to be a subgenus of *Carpelimus* but was elevated to generic level by HERMAN (1970). *Teropalpus* has five tarsomeres per tarsus, *Carpelimus* three. Like other *Carpelimus* species (*C. ganglbaueri*, *C. schneideri*, *C. halophilus*), *T. unicolor* is an inhabitant of shores and probably strictly halobiontic. It can be identified by the following characters (a figure is given in TOTTENHAM 1954 : 45) :

Teropalpus SOLIER, 1849 (syn. *Trogolinus* SHARP, 1900)

Black; antennae and legs dark-brown, tarsus yellow; head a little smaller than pronotum, the latter with a weak depression in the middle and with a distinct, very slight longitudinal elevation at the base in the middle; elytra about 1.5 times as long as pronotum; antennae longer than head and pronotum together, first segment somewhat darker than the following; 5, 6 and 7th antennal segment twice as long as wide; eyes as long as tempora; pronotum much smaller than elytra; microsculpture of head, pronotum and elytra equal, fine; pubescence typical as in many marine staphylinids: dense and fine; 3 - 3.5 mm.

Material examined : Auckland (New Zealand) 1 type ex. - coll. A. FAUVEL (K.B.I.N.); Omahu (New Zealand) 1 ex. - D'ALBERTIS leg., coll. A. FAUVEL (K.B.I.N.); Millbroak Creek, Plymouth (England) VIII.1900 - 1 type ex., J.H. KEYS leg., coll. A. FAUVEL (K.B.I.N.); Plymouth (England) 4.VIII.1904 - 4 type ex., J.H. KEYS leg., coll. A. FAUVEL (K.B.I.N.).

Additional material : Britannia (without date), coll. BETTINGER (K.B.I.N.); Ambleteuse (Pas de Calais - France) 21-27.VIII.1989, 1 ex., coll. G. HAGHEBAERT.

Teropalpus unicolor, new for the French fauna, is probably established and may be found along the European coasts in the future.

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